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LETTER V. From the Sugar Planters.

SIR,



WE have already hinted, that the main Business of these Papers would be, to give a fair and clear Account of the *British Sugar Colonies and Trade*, thereby to make an open and honest Discovery (for by the By, it is such a Discovery only, that can avail us) of the Causes and

accidents which have occasioned their Decay. If we err in the Prosecution of this Design, it shall inadvertently; and we once more desire those, who see us at any time mistaken, to set us right; for we shall, from first to last, have two Things above all, at Heart, *Truth and the Publick Good*. By this Test only, we hope our Writings will be judged, and that they may stand or fall accordingly.

The good Effects which may be expected from our Endeavours, appear to us to be many; whereof we present we will mention only three.

FIRST, the Mouths of all those, who have hitherto clamour'd on this Head, rather to create ill blood and raise Disturbances, than to have Difficulties removed, must needs be effectually stop'd.

SECONDLY, *Great Britain* will truly perceive a pressing Necessity to regulate and reform her *Sugar Colonies*, and the Trade thereto belonging. And,

THIRDLY, The true Causes of their Distress being made known, the Remedies to be applied may be the safer, the surer, and the more readily agreed to.

If any shall here object, that the Condition of our *Sugar Colonies and Trade* is become quite desperate, and that to be undertaken by an honest and skilful Physician, let every Well-wisher to his Country suspend Assent for a Time, and patiently hear us out, when we may see Cause to be of another Opinion.

In the first Place, it seems requisite, that we should examine, what Complaints have been made of late years from the *Sugar Colonies*; — what Relief they have received; — what more they desire; — what Remedies they themselves propose — and after taking good notice of our Way, we shall proceed further on with more Cheerfulness.

As to the Complaints that have been made of late years from the *Sugar Colonies*. — They have complained, that the People of *New England*, and other parts of that Continent, have supplied the *French Sugar Colonies* with Provisions and Necessaries of all kinds for their Plantations, and have taken from them Sugars and great Quantities of Rum, which the *French* never made before, till they found a Vent for by this Trade; and that they have taken off also great Quantities of the *French Molasses*, which was useless to them before. — That such *French Rum and Molasses* is often bought by them with Money, received in our *Sugar Colonies* from their Cargoes sold there; and that the Mischief from this Commerce is very many and evident, and would increase every Year more and more, if some effectual Stop were not put to it. — That by this Means the *French* have increased their Plantations, and made new Settlements, and chiefly supply *Hamburg, Holland, Spain, the Levant, and the Mediterranean* with Sugars, which were formerly sent thither by us. — That the *British Sugar Colonies* can't find the Market for their Sugars abroad, as they did formerly, but chiefly depend on our own Consumption. — That many of the Inhabitants and Planters are so reduced, that they are removing to the *Northern Colonies*; which in case of a War with *France*, in all Probability, will occasion the entire Loss of the *Sugar Islands*. — That the *British Sugar Islands* are constantly drained of their current Monies, by the Traders from the *Northern Colonies*, who carry it away to purchase Sugar, Rum and Molasses, from the *French Plantations*. — That besides the many Benefits the *French Colonies* receive from the Trade of our *Northern Colonies* (which of itself alone must soon destroy the *British Sugar Islands*) there are other Causes which would contribute to make our *Sugar Colonies* decline, and enable the *French* to supply foreign Markets with Sugar cheaper than we can. — By the Act of Navigation, 12 Car. II. and

7th and 8th of *William III.* all Sugars of our Plantations are prohibited from being sent from thence to any Place whatever, but *Great Britain*, and our own Colonies; and when they are imported here, they must pay a Duty of 3 s. 6 d. a Hundred Weight (deducting 5 per Cent. on prompt Payment) at the Rate of 30 s. a Hundred, though they do not sell for near so much. — If our Sugars are carried to the *Northern Colonies*, and they are to be re-shipped, Bond must be given, *toties quoties*, to bring them to *Great Britain*, or some other of our Colonies. By Acts of Assemblies of *Barbados* and the *Leeward Islands*, Sugars, and the Rest of the Produce pay there a Duty of 4 1/2 a Hundred on Exportation. By 25 Car. II. all Sugars of the *British Plantations*, pay a Duty of Eighteen-pence a Hundred Weight, if they are imported into our *Northern Colonies*; although *French Sugars* might be imported there free from any Duty, which Sugars they refine, and may send them from thence to any Part of *Europe*. — By 22 Car. II. Sugar from our own Plantations is prohibited from being carried directly into *Ireland*; but Sugar from the *French Plantations* might. — Rum from our own Plantations, paid the same Duty as *French Brandy* from *Dunkirk*, and high Duties have prevented the Consumption of *British* and *Plantation* Spirits, and do promote that of *French Brandy*. — Moreover, our *Sugar Colonies* have complained, that (besides the Advantages which the *French* have over them by our own Laws) they have greater Encouragements given by their *Mother Country*: That there is a Premium given for every Negro imported into their *Sugar Colonies* by *French Ships* from *Africa*; that they pay but half Duty on Sugars imported in return for Negroes; that the whole Duty payable to the Crown on Sugars imported, is but about 2 s. 5 d. *Sterling* a hundred Weight, which is all drawn back on Exportation, tho' indeed there is a Duty of about 5 d. a hundred Weight paid to their *West India Company*, which is not drawn back. That all Persons concerned in their *Sugar Works*, are exempt from paying the Capitation Tax of 5 s. That their Forts and Fortifications are built and maintained at the Expence of the Crown. That their Governors are restrained from taking any Money from the People, either as a Salary or Present. — And that the *French* have so many Advantages over us, that they will certainly continue to under-sell us in all foreign Markets, and beat us out of the *Sugar Trade*, if some of our Laws were not repealed or amended, and our *Sugar Colonies* put upon as good a Footing as the *French*.

THESE, Sir, we think, are the chief Heads of the Representations which have been made of late Years in behalf of our *Sugar Colonies*; to which we may add their Complaint of the low Prices and want of Vent for their Productions: In our next we shall inquire what has been done for them, and what more they at present desire?

— We are, Sir, &c.

Aug. 3. 1736.

The SUGAR PLANTERS.

Edinburgh, Aug. 12. Saturday last died here Jean Aire, Spouse of Alexander Herdman, Vintner, and on Sunday was interred: On Monday Sarah Stark, (an old Acquaintance of Mr. Herdman's) came to solace him in Affliction, and was e'en so kind as to condescend to put up with him all Night; which taking Air, the Garison was attacked in form early next Morning by a vast Mob, the Kirk-Treasurer came also to put in his Claim, and the Creditors to secure their Property. In this sad Case stood poor Herdman for some Time, arguing (from within) to the Crowd, that he was actually married to his beloved Sally; that he who marries does well; that he knew no Law, nor any Impediment, why he might not take a Girl with the one Hand, the Moment he dropt his Wife into the Grave with the other, if 'twas not the Whim of Decency; and finally, that neither his Circumstances nor Inclinations, could admit of any long Widowity. But how far his Rhetorick was reasonable, could not well be discussed here: They were both carried to the Council-Chamber, and after Examination, Madam was sent

to the Guard, and the intended Bridegroom ordered to find Bail; but he strenuously insisting, that they were at least virtually and intentionally wedded, and that if there was still any Formality requisite, he and she were most willing, that their Honours (*qua Justices*) should supply what seem'd wanting to make them Spouses: The Magistrates, after seriously weighing the Case, and to prevent Inconveniences, thought proper to cause Miss to be again brought before them; and upon hearing them mutually, seriously, and solemnly emit their Inclinations, declared them married Persons. Making each a Bow, they returned to their Habitation, hand in hand, accompanied by a vast Retinue, tho' not of the most complaisant Part of Mankind. However their Humour seems now pretty much subsided: A Wonder lasts but nine Nights — and their Creditors have superceded Diligence, in hopes this Marriage may, after all, become productive of Plenty. A cross Beginning has often proved the Mother of Felicity.

They write from Berwick, that the Week before the last the Races began there which yielded great Diverſion: On Tuesday the 10 l. Plate was won by a Horse belonging to the Lord Cranston: On Wednesday the 15 l. Plate was won by a Horse called Sturdy Beggar, belonging to Duke Hamilton. On Thursday the Company went from Berwick to Milfield, to see a Race for 100 Guineas, 'twixt Squire Langton and Farmer Richardson, and won by the latter; five to one was betted against the winning Horse, and there was above 5000 l. lost and won on that Occasion. The Humour for Horse-racing is come to a prodigious Height in Northumberland, the meanest of the People waging their All on these Occasions. On Friday the 20 l. Plate was won by a Horse belonging to Mr. Ker of Hall. That Afternoon Dr. Chandler, Bishop of Durham, came there on his Visitation with a great Retinue; the Visitation Sermon was preached on Saturday by Mr. Ord, the Bishop himself preached on the Sunday Forenoon, and his Chaplain Mr. Stillingfleet, Grandson to the famous Bishop of that Name, in the Afternoon. His Lordship set out from thence on Monday, leaving ten Guineas to poor House-keepers.

L O N D O N.

Yesterday her Majesty took a View of the New Treasury, and breakfasted at Sir Robert Walpole's. The Commissioners for building a Bridge from New Palace Yard, Westminster, to the opposite Shore, are adjourned to Tuesday se'night.

To-morrow the Earl of Bute, Nephew to the Duke of Argyle and the Earl of Ilay, is to be married to Miss Montague, Daughter to Sir Wortley Montague, Bart. a Beautiful young Lady with a plentiful Fortune.

An Ambassador is daily expected here from the Court of Saxo Gothia, in the Room of M. Thom, who is returned home.

On Monday last died at his House at Sheen in Surry, George Lake, Esq;

The Lord Dunkeron, Son and Heir Apparent to the Right Hon. the Earl of Shelburn, who has been so dangerously ill for some time as to be given over by his Physicians, is now in a fair way of Recovery; and next Week is to be married to Miss Elizabeth Clavering, one of the Daughters and Coheiresses of the late Sir James Clavering, of Axwell in the County of Durham, Bart.

The Launching of his Majesty's Ships the Dragon and Superbe, of 60 Guns each, at Woolwich, is put off till the next Spring Tide.

On Tuesday last Daniel Salmon, a Shoemaker, was committed to the New Goal, Southwark, by Justice Meers, for knocking down and robbing Mr. Vincent, in St. George's-fields, of a Silver Watch and some Silver and Half-pence.

Yesterday Hugh Fletcher, Esq; of St. Giles's, was unfortunately flung off his Horse in Piccadilly, and bruised in a terrible Manner; so that his Life is despaired of.

On Tuesday last a great Match was run on Epsom Downs between Mr. Tomlyn's Horse and Mr. Bruce's Mare; the first Heat was won by the Mare, but the two last by the Horse.

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